The Colleges of Law and Business joint-degree program in Law and Business, J.D./M.B.A., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Following admission to either program, a joint-degree student is required to submit the necessary joint-degree application. Interested applicants normally begin their study at the College of Law. A joint-degree student who wishes to enroll for any coursework in the other college or department before completing the first-year of law school must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law. Current law students may also apply to the joint-degree program by the deadline during their first year in law school. Once enrolled in the first-year law curriculum, they will then complete all necessary documentation through the College of Business as well as a joint-degree application before March 1st of the 1L year. All required documents should be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions.

Applicants to the M.B.A. Program must have a bachelor’s degree, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better, and a highly competitive GMAT score. It is expected that most students admitted to the M.B.A. program will exceed these minimums. An LSAT or GRE score may be considered in lieu of the GMAT at the discretion of the MBA Program Director in the College of Business. Previous coursework in business is not required, but all applicants are expected to have a general knowledge of economics, finance, accounting, statistics, calculus and management principles.

**How To Apply**

1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint-degree application and necessary documents for the College of Business.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the College of Business. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before March 1st of the 1L year.

Applicants will need to:

1. Provide a completed **Joint-Degree Program Application** form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Provide a completed **MBA Program Application for Admission** form.
4. Have official GMAT scores on file with the Florida State University or have an LSAT or GRE score accepted for consideration in lieu of the GMAT requirement.
5. Provide three letters of recommendation from employers or college professors. Applicable letters provided during the application to the College of Law are acceptable. Applicants must use the **MBA Program Recommendation** form for the balance of the three letters.
6. Provide a completed College of Business **Applicant Statement Essay Questions for MBA Program Admission** form.

**Program Sequence**

The normal program sequence for a student in the joint-degree program is:

- **1st Year (Fall, Spring)**: 30 hours of Law
- **2nd Year (Summer, Fall, Spring)**: 30 hours of Business
- **3rd & 4th Years**: 49 hours of Law
- **Total Law Courses**: 79 hours
- **Total Business Courses**: 30 hours
- **Cross Credit Courses**: 9 hours of Law, 9 hours of Business
- **Total J.D./M.B.A. Courses**: 109 hours

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at [www.law.fsu.edu](http://www.law.fsu.edu).
**Business Curriculum**

A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete 30 credit hours, consisting of eight core courses and two three-hour elective courses, from the College of Business. The Legal & Ethical Environment of Business (BUL 5810) and Professional Development (MAN 5935) are waived for J.D./M.B.A. students.

All students in the M.B.A. program are required to take:

- **ACG 5026** Financial Reporting & Managerial Control (3 hours)
- **FIN 5425** Problems in Financial Management (3 hours)
- **ISM 5021** Information & Technology Management (3 hours)
- **MAN 5245** Organizational Behavior (3 hours)
- **MAN 5501** Operations Management (3 hours)
- **MAN 5716** Business Conditions Analysis (3 hours)
- **MAN 5721** Strategy & Business Policy (3 hours)
- **MAR 5125** Marketing Strategy in the Global Environment (3 hours)

Students applying to the M.B.A. program are expected to have a general knowledge of economics, finance, accounting, statistics, calculus and management principles. The following are examples of useful undergraduate foundation courses:

- **MAC 2233** Calculus for Business
- **STA 2023** Fundamental Business Statistics
- **ACG 2021** Introduction to Financial Accounting
- **ECO 2013** Principles of Macro-Economics
- **ECO 2023** Principles of Micro-Economics
- **FIN 3403** Financial Management of the Firm

**Questions**

The joint-degree must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years.

For further information about applying, please contact:

- Joint-Degree Coordinator
- Office of Admissions
- Florida State University College of Law
- (850) 644-3787
- admissions@law.fsu.edu

For further information about curriculum requirements, please contact:

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**Conferring of Degrees**

Students in joint-degree programs receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in both the College of Law and the College of Business. This includes the Law upper-level writing requirement, the skills training requirement, and the pro bono requirement.

**Residency Requirement**

Unless otherwise approved by both advisors and the College of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students enrolled in joint-degree programs must earn a minimum of seven semesters of residence credit. Based on the College of Law formula for determining residency, one semester of residency credit is earned for every 12 credit hours of courses taken in the Colleges of Law and Business.

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